

ADDITIONAL FEES:

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$72.00 to cover the fee for four (4) claims in excess of twenty (20) total. Should it be determined that a further fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

The present application is a Rule 53(b) divisional application of parent application Serial No. 09/997,819 filed November 30, 2001. This divisional application is being filed to pursue the species of the invention designated as Figs. 8A-8B in the parent application.

By this second preliminary amendment, original claims 1-11 and 13-29 have been canceled. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Claim 12 has also been amended to correct informalities and bring it into better conformance with U.S. practice. New claims 30-53 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. Claims 12, 30-34, 41 and 42 are readable on the elected Species. Claims 35-37, 38-40, 43, 44 and 46-53 are directed to the species of the invention designated as Figs. 9A-9B, 10A-10B, 12A, 13 and 18-20, respectively, and have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim. Applicants submit that new claims 30, 41, 42 and 45 are generic to all of the species.

In addition, the specification has been amended to add as the first sentence thereof a cross reference to applicants' prior-filed copending application as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78. The specification has been further amended

to reflect all of the revisions made during prosecution of the parent case. The original abstract of record has been deleted and replaced by a new abstract submitted herewith.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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